

WE CLAIM:

1. A method of managing a communication with a mobile device over a network, comprising:
  - receiving a first message;
  - sending a second message to the mobile device, wherein the second message includes a message hook;
  - employing the message hook to access the first message;
  - formatting the first message to be readable by a mobile browser; and
  - sending the formatted first message towards the mobile browser.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein formatting the first message further comprises formatting the message using at least one of a Handheld Device Markup Language (HDML), Wireless Markup Language (WML)Script, and JavaScript.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein sending the second message further comprises:
  - associating a message index with the first message;
  - associating the message index with the second message; and
  - sending the second message including the associated message index to the mobile device, wherein the message index is usable to locate the first message.
4. The method of claim 3, wherein associating the message index with the first message further comprises employing a one way hash.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the first message is stored in a mail farm.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the first message further comprises receiving at least one of a user account identifier, and a universal message identifier associated with the first message.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the message hook further comprises at least one of a Uniform Resource Locator (URL), a script, and an executable program.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the message hook further comprises a message index associated with the message, and a URL.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein the second message further comprises at least one of an SMS message, and an MMS message.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein the second message further comprises a message index associated with the message, wherein the message index is employable to locate the message.

11. The method of claim 1, receiving the first message further comprises:  
receiving the first message by a mail transfer service;  
storing the first message at a mail farm by the mail transfer service ; and  
associating a universal message identifier with the location of the stored first message.

12. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
logging into an account at a server through the mobile device;  
forwarding a device identifier associated with the mobile device to the server;  
receiving at the mobile device a confirmation URL from the server;  
responding to the confirmation URL; and  
if the mobile device is confirmed, registering the mobile device to receive the formatted first message.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein registering the mobile device further comprises associating the device identifier with the account.

14. The method of claim 1, wherein the first message is an email message.
15. The method of claim 1, wherein the first message further comprises an email message and an attachment to the email message.
16. A client adapted for use in a mobile device to receive messages from a server over a network, the client being configured to perform actions, comprising:
  - receiving a first message from the server, wherein the first message includes a message hook;
  - employing the message hook to access the second message, wherein the second message is formatted to be readable from a mobile browser.
17. The client of claim 16, wherein the formatted second message is formatted using at least one of a Handheld Device Markup Language (HDML), Wireless Markup Language (WML) Script, and JavaScript.
18. The client of claim 16, wherein the message hook further comprises a Uniform Resource Locator (URL).
19. The client of claim 18, wherein the URL further comprises a message index associated with the second message.
20. The client of claim 16, wherein the first message further comprises at least one of an SMS message, and a MMS message.
21. The client of claim 16, wherein the message hook further comprises a message index associated with the second message, wherein the message index is employable to access the second message.



27. The server of claim 23, wherein the message hook further comprises a message index associated with the first message, wherein the message index is employable to locate the first message.

28. The server of claim 23, wherein formatting the first message further comprises using a Wireless Markup Language (WML).

29. A modulated data signal for communicating with a mobile device, the modulated data signal comprising the actions of:

receiving an alert indicating a first message is available for the mobile device;

sending a second message to the mobile device, wherein the second message includes a message hook; and

employing the message hook to access the first message, wherein the first message is formatted to be readable by a mobile browser.

30. The modulated data signal of claim 29, wherein the first message further comprises an email message.

31. The modulated data signal of claim 29, wherein the message hook further comprises at least one of a Uniform Resource Locator (URL), a script, and an executable program.

32. The modulated data signal of claim 29, wherein the second message further comprises at least one of an SMS message, and an MMS message.

33. The modulated data signal of claim 29, wherein the message hook further comprises a URL that includes a message index associated with the first message, wherein the message index is employable to locate the first message.

34. A system for communicating messages to a mobile device over a network, comprising:

- a mail transfer service configured to receive a first message and to provide an alert indicating receipt of the first message;
- a mobile messaging service, coupled to the mail transfer service and the mobile device, that is configured to perform actions, including:
  - receiving the alert from the mail transfer service;
  - associating a message hook with the first message;
  - sending a second message to the mobile device, wherein the second message includes the message hook;
- a web service, coupled to the mobile messaging service, that is configured to perform actions, including:
  - receiving a response to the second message from the mobile device, wherein the response employs the message hook;
  - retrieving the first message;
  - formatting the first message to be readable by a mobile browser;

and

- sending the formatted first message towards the mobile browser.

35. The system of claim 34, wherein formatting the first message further comprises formatting the message using at least one of a Handheld Device Markup Language (HDML), Wireless Markup Language (WML) Script, and JavaScript.

36. The system of claim 34, wherein the message hook further comprises at least one of a Uniform Resource Locator (URL), a script, and an executable program.

37. The system of claim 34, wherein the message hook further comprises a message index.

38. The system of claim 37, wherein the message index further comprises a mapping between a universal message identifier and a device identifier.

39. The system of claim 34, wherein retrieving the first message further comprises:

- determining a message index associated with the message hook, and a device identifier;
- employing the message index to access a universal message identifier;
- and
- employing the universal message identifier to retrieve the first message.

40. An apparatus for communicating with a mobile device, comprising:

- a means for receiving a first message;
- a means for sending a second message to the mobile device, wherein the second message includes a message hook means;
- a means for employing the message hook means to access the first message;
- a means for formatting the first message to be readable by a mobile browser; and
- a means for forwarding the formatted first message towards the mobile browser.

41. The apparatus of claim 40, wherein the message hook means further comprises a URL and a means for identifying the first message.